IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	;	CIVIL ACTION
ex rel. Margaret Reynard		(30)
42 Dresner Circle		

Upper Chichester, PA 19061 : No. ____

Plaintiff/Relator. : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

SALUS UNIVERSITY 8380 Old York Rd, Elkins Park, PA 19027-1541

V.

Defendant :

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QUI TAM COMPLAINT

Relator, Margaret Reynard, brings this qui tam action in the name of the United States of America, by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby avers as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action has been initiated by Margaret Reynard ("Relator"), on behalf of the United States of America, against Salus University ("Defendant") to recover penalties and damages arising from false statements and implied false statements Defendants made in invoices, bills and other documents submitted to the federal government to recover money from Medicare and Medicaid for: (1) services improperly billed as separate transactions when they in fact had to be billed as connected transactions at a lower reimbursement rate: (2) for services billed to Medicare in which patients were improperly charged amounts beyond that permitted by the Medicare and/or Medicaid rules limiting the amounts of copayments and coinsurance payments: (3) services improperly billed/upcoded as a higher-level service in order to improperly increase the amount

paid for that service; (4) services where the amount of money charged to the patient was never applied to the bill, and therefore, the patient was billed twice for that amount.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the instant action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 because it arises under the laws of the United States, the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3732(a).
- 3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants, by systematically soliciting business in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (operating multiple businesses therein), has sufficient minimum contacts in this judicial district that the exercise of such jurisdiction comports with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, venue is properly laid in this district because Defendants conduct substantial, systematic and continuous activity in this district and the transactions and/or occurrences underlying this action occurred in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- In conjunction with the filing of this complaint, Relator has served a copy of same upon the United States and has complied with all other conditions precedent to bringing this action.

PARTIES

- The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- Relator is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of
 Pennsylvania. Relator became employed by Defendant Salus University on or about March 15,
 2018 as business officer manager.
- Relator's responsibilities including managing the billing of procedures to thirdparty payers, including Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicaid.

- Defendant is a private university specializing in Optometry through its division
 The Eye Institute, with additional programs in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.
- 10. Relator is an original source of this information to the United States. She has direct and independent knowledge of the information on which the allegations are based and has voluntarily provided the information to the Government.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 11. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 12. The vast majority of Defendant's patients use Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or Medicaid third-party payers as health insurers to pay for the medical services they receive from Defendant.
- Relator's duties included reviewing and auditing billing records submitted by
 Defendant to Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Medicaid programs.
- 14. Shortly after beginning her employment, Relator became aware that Defendant had a practice of submitting fraudulent bills to its third-party payers, including Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicaid.
 - 15. As explained in more detail below, these issues fell into the following categories:
 - a. Category 1 (Unlawfully charging patients copayments and other charges):

 Charging copayments, coinsurance and other charges to patients when such charges were prohibited by Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid (for instance, because the individual was a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, or because the specific Medicare Advantage plan prohibited copayments/coinsurance), and unlawfully retaining such money:

- b. Category 2 (Failing to apply payments received from patients to patient bills): Defendant would charge patients at/or before their visit, failed to apply this money to the patients' bills, and then billing patients for the money that had already been paid;
- c. Category 3 (Improper use of Modifiers 25, 58, and 59 to unbundle): Improperly coding examinations and/or procedures with Modifiers 25, 58, and 59 in order to improperly unbundle procedures in order to increase reimbursements in violation of Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid billing rules.
- d. Category 4 (Upcoding Code 99203 to Code 99204): The automatic upcoding of Level 3 Exams which should have been billed under Code 99203 to the higher-paying Code 99204, which is limited to Level 4 exams which qualify for billing as such.
- 16. Specifically, Relator learned about the Category 1 issues early in her employment and attempted to correct this issue by reimbursing patients for improper copays.
- However, Relator was not provided with sufficient staff or resources to correct the
 Category 1 claims.
- 18. Moreover, Defendant's staff continued to improperly charge copayments and other charges who were not permitted to be billed these charges under Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid rules.
- 19. Later, as Relator continued to audit claims from prior to her time working for Defendant, she determined that Defendant was improperly and systematically using Modifiers 25,

- 58 and 59 to unbundle examinations and procedures in order to increase reimbursements from third-party payers, including Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid.
- 20. Finally, shortly before Relator's employment ended, Relator discovered that Defendant's billing system had created an automatic software rule in its billing system which automatically upcoded examinations which Defendant's providers coded as a Level 3 exam to instead be billed out to third-party payers as a Level 4 exam with CPT Code 99204.
- 21. Relator brought the Category 4 issue to the attention of her supervisors, who suggested that the automatic upcoding rule was "a mistake."
- 22. Over the course of her employment, Relator brought these issues to the attention of her supervisors and the senior leadership of Defendant.
- 23. In December 2019, Defendant alerted Relator that she would be laid off in or around the 1st quarter of 2020.
- Defendant terminated Relator related to a not-for-cause reduction-in-force on or around March 6, 2020.

Specific Examples of Misconduct

Category 1 (Unlawfully charging patients copayments and other charges)

- 25. Third-party payers, including Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid plans, have specific rules for copayments, coinsurance, and other charges which are requirements of these programs.
- 26. For instance, by way of example only, where an individual is eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, the individual is deemed a "Qualified Medicare Beneficiary" and is not permitted to be charged any premiums, deductibles, or copayments.

- 27. Nevertheless, Defendant's staff would routinely charge patients copayments even where the third-party payer did not permit same.
- 28. By way of example, Patient A was seen by Defendant on November 13, 2017, and treatment which was billed as two services billed as one unit of 92014 and one unit of 92015. See Exhibit A.
- 29. Patient AC's third-party payer, Aetna Medicare HMO (a Medicare Advantage payer), approved a payment for unit 92014 and specified and no coinsurance was allowed for this claim. See Exhibit B.
- 30. Nevertheless, Patient AC was charged a \$20 copayment for these procedures on November 13, 2017. See Exhibit C.
- 31. This amount is recorded as a negative balance of \$20 owed to Patient A on his patient chart contained in Defendant's billing records. See Exhibit C.
 - 32. As of January 13, 2020, this amount had not been reimbursed to Patient A.
- 33. This same patient, Patient AC, received treatment on December 12, 2018, which was billed to his insurance as one unit of 92015 and one unit of 92014. The patient's insurance, Aetna Medicare HMO, provided an explanation of benefits which paid the claim but specified that no copayment or deductible was permitted. Nevertheless, the patient's billing records show that the patient was charged \$30 by Defendant on the day of service, and Defendant retained this amount as a negative balance owed to Patient AC as of January 13, 2020. See Exhibit D.
- 34. Relator can identify hundreds of similar transactions in which patients were charged despite no charge being permitted by the rules of their respective third-party Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or Medicaid payers.

35. The third-party Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid payers would not have approved and paid these claims if the payers knew Defendant was routinely and systematically charging patients copayments and charges which were not allowed under these plans.

Category 2

(Failing to apply payments received from patients to patient bills)

- 36. Defendant also improperly retained moneys from patients by systematically failing to apply such payments to patients' bills.
- 37. For instance, on June 3, 2019, Patient B was seen for an emergency visit, where she was charged a \$45 fee. Nevertheless, this amount was never applied to any bills/procedures, and remained as a negative balance owed to the patient. Accordingly, at the time she was billed for this procedure, she was billed as if this amount had never been paid. *See* Exhibit E.
- 38. Likewise, on May 5, 2018, Patient C was charged \$45 in connection with an examination. Nevertheless, this amount was never applied to any bills/procedures, and remained as a negative balance owed to the patient. Accordingly, at the time she was billed for this procedure, she was billed as if this amount had never been paid. See Exhibit F.

Category 3

(Improper use of Modifiers 25, 58, and 59 to unbundle):

- 39. Defendant also systematically misused the billing modifiers 25, 58, and 59 in order to unbundle services and receive increased and improper payments related to connected services.
- 40. When CPT Modifier 25 is used properly, it is used to identify a significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service.

- 41. However, visits on the day of a minor surgery, which includes Laser Trabeculoplasty (ICD-10-CM Diagnosis: 65855) are part of the global surgery package unless there is a separately identifiable reason for the visit.
- 42. Defendant improperly unbundled visits which occurred on the same day of minor surgery in order to increase their reimbursement amounts.
- 43. By way of example, Patient D received a Laser Trabeculoplasty on December 5.2017, and also had an examination that same day. See Exhibit G.
 - 44. The HCA 1500 bill for this Patient showed three ICD-10-CM diagnoses (see id.):
 - a. H401132: Primary open-angle glaucoma, bilateral, moderate stage;
 - b. H401112: Primary open-angle glaucoma, right eye, moderate stage;
 - c. H25813: Combined forms of age-related cataract, bilateral;
- 45. The examination was coded as being related to bilateral glaucoma, while the procedure was coded as being related to right-eye glaucoma. *See id*.
- 46. Accordingly, the visit was not for a separately identifiable reason and should not have been billed separate from the Trabeculoplasty.
- 47. However, because the examination was coded with modifier 25, Medicare paid \$33.66 for this examination. *See id.*
- 48. Similarly, Defendant regularly coded follow-up procedures as part of a staged procedure using modifiers 58 for original and follow-up procedures where no staging was necessary or appropriate.
- 49. For instance, on July 17, 2018, Patient E received a YAG Laser Capsulotomy procedure billed to Medicare under CPT Code 66821. See Exhibit H.

- 50. Services billed as CPT Code 66821 include 1 or more stages, and have a global billing period of 90 days, which prohibits separate billing for follow-ups.
- 51. Nevertheless, on July 24, 2018, Patient E received a second YAG Laser Capsulotomy, which was billed to Medicare under CPT Code 66821 with Modifier 58 and Modifier 59 added. See id.
- 52. Medicare paid for both procedures but should not have paid for the second procedure. See id.
- 53. Defendant also improperly used Modifier 59 to improperly unbundle examinations from procedures performed on the same day.
- 54. Modifier 59 is used to indicate that a procedure or service was distinct from other procedures or services performed the same day.
- 55. Defendant nevertheless used Modifier 59 to separately bill for services which were not in fact separate and distinct.
- 56. For instance, on April 12, 2018, Defendant saw Patient F for an examination (CPT Code 92014), a diagnostic test (CPT Code 92134), and a YAG Laser Capsulotomy surgery (CPT Code 66821). See Exhibit I.
- 57. Defendant improperly used modifier 25 to identify the examination as separate and distinct from the surgery. *Id.*
- 58. Defendant improperly used modifier 59 to identify the diagnostic test as separate and distinct from the surgery. *Id.*
 - 59. Medicare paid for all three procedures. *Id.*

- 60. Medicare would not have paid the amount it did for all three procedures had Defendant not improperly used Modifier 25 and Modifier 59 for the examination and the diagnostic test.
- The above are mere examples of Defendant's common practice of using Modifiers 25, 58, and 59 to improperly unbundle services in order to increase the amount of money they receive from Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Medicaid third-party payers,

Category 4

(Upcoding Code 99203 to Code 99204)

- 62. On or around March 1, 2020, shortly before the termination of her employment, Relator discovered that Defendant was systematically—and without the knowledge of the providers—upcoding Level 3 E/M visits to Level 4, thereby improperly increasing the amount Relator was paid for routine office visits.
- 63. Defendant's providers code their E/M visits on a scale of 1-5 based on the length and complexity of the examination.
- 64. Medicare and other third-party payer rules which provide that new patient ophthalmological examinations be graded based on length and complexity as to one of five scales. These five different scales are billed to Medicare and other third-party payers under CPT Codes 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, and 99205.
- 65. However, when a provider codes the E/M visit as a Level 3 visit with a CPT Code of 99203, Defendant created a software program within its billing software that automatically upcoded these services to CPT Code 99204, which is reserved for Level 4 E/M visits.
- 66. This upcoding is invisible to the provider and many individuals working in the billing department because two codes used system still refer to these visits in a way that suggests

they will be billed correctly. Specifically, the service is tagged with a field called "Service Item" which lists as its value "99203," and with a field called Service Item Description with a value of "NP Exam Level 3."

- 67. Nevertheless, because of the software program put in place, these exams were billed to Medicare under CPT Code 99204.
- 68. For example, on January 23, 2020, Patient G received an NP Exam Level 3. See Exhibit J.
- 69. However, this examination was billed not under CPT 99203 (the correct code) but was rather upcoded to CPT Code 99204. *See id*.
- 70. This is merely a single example of Defendant's widespread and systematic upcoding of its NP Exam Level 3 examinations to CPT 99204, which is properly reserved for Level 4 examinations.

COUNT I VIOLATIONS OF THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT

- 71. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 72. Defendant submitted and continue to submit bills to the United States government, through its Medicare program, for the above services and types of services.
- 73. With respect to the improper unbundling of examinations which were not separate and distinct from surgeries performed the same day, Defendant knew that it was not permitted to unbundle these examinations through the improper use of billing modifiers, but nevertheless did so.

- 74. With respect to the upcoding of examinations which providers intended to bill as Level 3 examinations but which Defendant billed as Level 4 examinations, Defendant knew that it was upcoding these examinations and that this was improper.
- 75. With respect to the improper charging and/or retention of patient copayments and other charges which it was not entitled, by enrolling in Medicare, Defendants certified that they would comply with Medicare "laws, regulations, and program instructions," and further certified that they "understand that payment by Medicare is conditioned upon the claim and underlying transaction complying with such laws."
- 76. Defendant's patient billing was material to the United States of America's decision to pay Defendant for these services.
- 77. Defendants unlawfully and fraudulently certified that the aforementioned services were performed in accordance with Medicare requirements.
- 78. Defendants' falsity regarding its compliance with patient copayment and coinsurance payment requirements was material in the United States paying for services which Defendants billed to the United States.

WHEREFORE, Relator Margaret Reynard, on behalf of herself and the United States Government, prays that this Court enter an Order providing that:

- A. This Court enter a judgment against Defendants in an amount equal to three times the amount of damages the United States has sustained as a result of Defendants' violations of the False Claims Act:
- B. That this Court enter a judgment against Defendants for a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each of Defendants' violations under the False Claims Act;

C. Relator Margaret Reynard recover all costs of this action, with interest, including

the cost to the United States Government for its expenses related to this action;

D. Relator Margaret Reynard be awarded all reasonable attorneys' fees in bringing this

action:

E. In the event the United States Government proceeds with this action, Relator be

awarded an amount for bringing this action of at least 15% but not more than 25% of the proceeds

of this action:

F. In the event the United States Government does not proceed with this action,

Relator be awarded an amount for bringing this action of at least 25% but not more than 30% of

the proceeds of this action;

G. Relator be awarded pre-judgment interest;

H. A trial by jury be held; and

Relator and the United States of America receive any and all relief to which either

or both may be entitled at law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s Joshua S. Boyette

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Dated: April 3, 2020

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel. Margaret Reynard

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Delaware County (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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EXHIBIT B

Explanation of Benefits/Transaction Details

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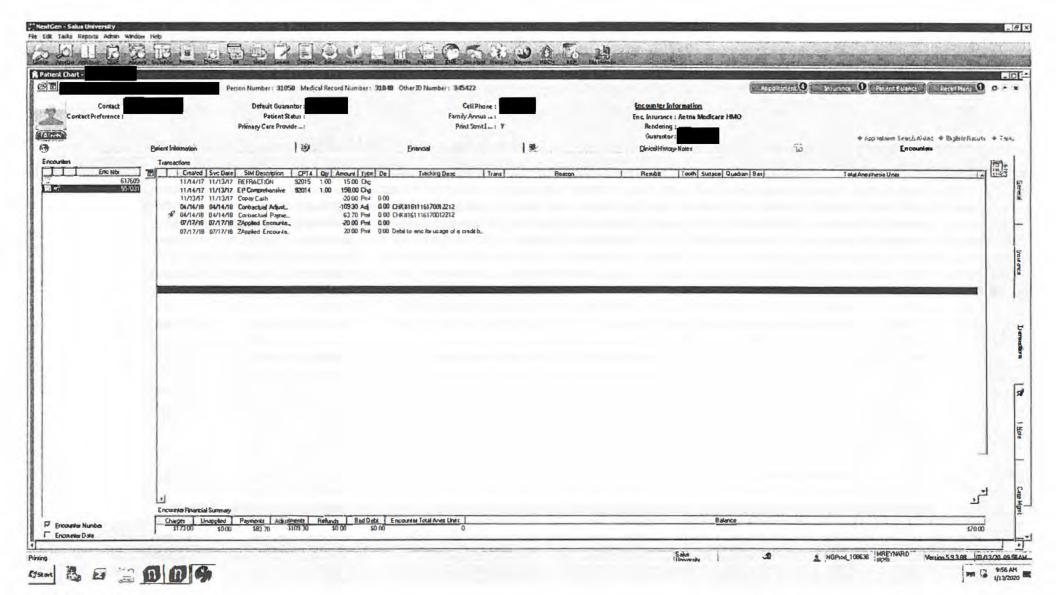
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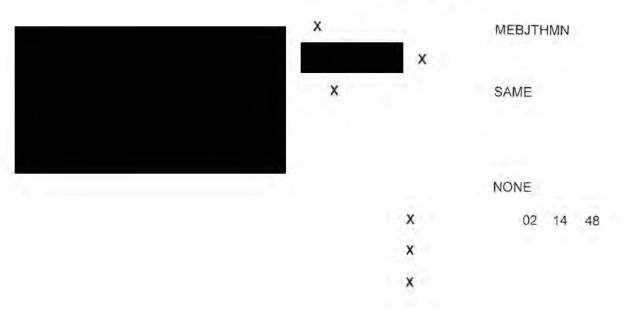
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NPI Provider#: 1336160027

Patient:

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NPI Provider#: 1336160027

Patient: NELSON, DEVON

HIN: 207642363A

Patient Control Number: 000100559798

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Dates of Service	Units	CPT4/Mods	Billed	CoIns	Allwd	Deduct	Paid	Adj	Adj Cd
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Patient:

HIN: 8YQORK2TU36

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Remark Codes: N700 , N699 , N701

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Patient:

HIN: 8YQORK2TU36

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HIPAAX12 Code List Summary:

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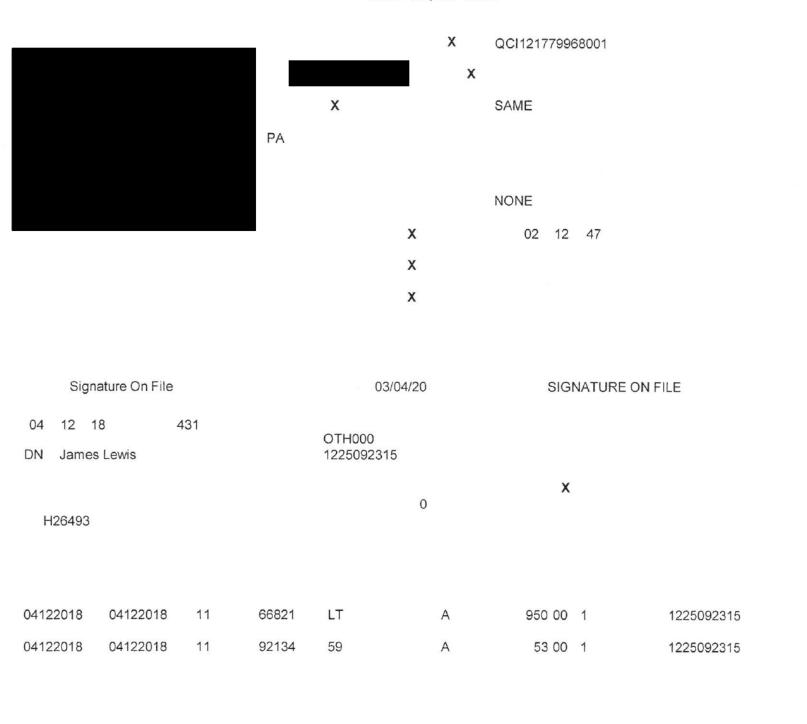
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Patient:

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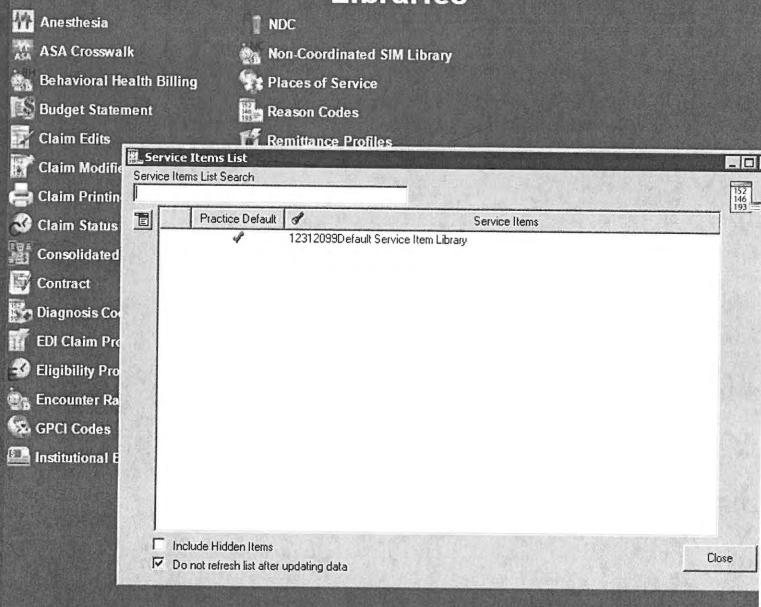
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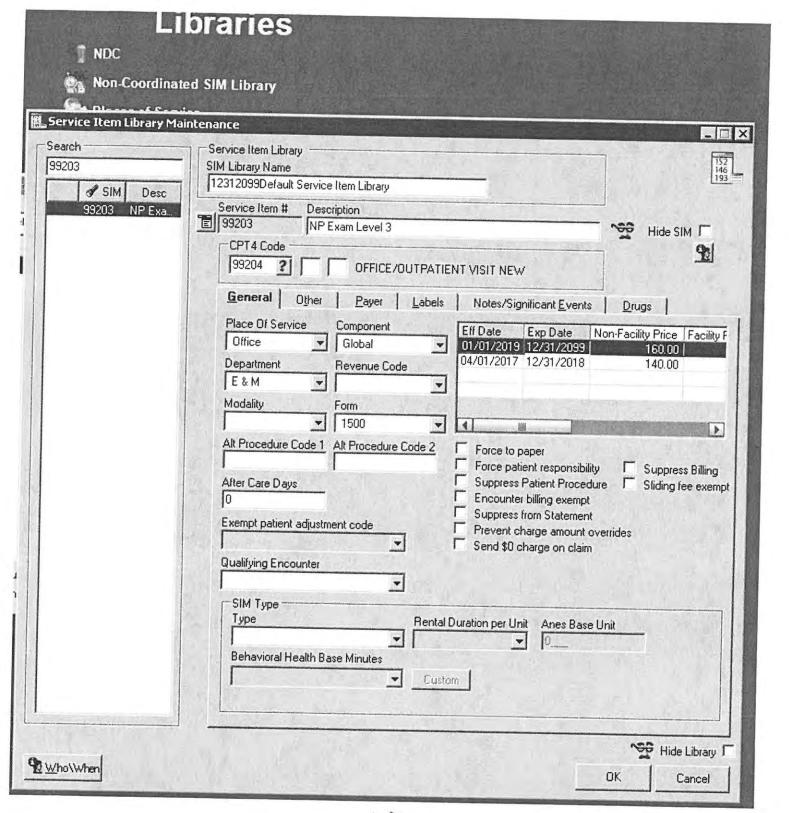
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Patient:

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CO253 - Sequestration-reduction In Federal Spend

PR1 - DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT

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PR49 - On-The-Fly ERA

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